PTO/SB/08 (07-09)
Approved for use through 07/31/2012. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT *(Use as many sheets as necessary)*		*Complete if Known*	
		Application Number	10559950
		Filing Date	Nov 8, 2006
		First Named Inventor	ASHTON, Roger
		Art Unit	3774
		Examiner Name	Sweet, Thomas
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket No: 10557-323978	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No[1]	Document Number Number-Kind Code[2]	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Patent Document Country Code[3] Number[4] Kind Code[5]	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T[6]
		WO2003013397	02-20-2003	Macara		Abst
		EP0605368	07-06-1994	ITALPRO S.p.A.	Related to US5549692 previously cited	
		JP10201779	08-04-1998	Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc.	Related to US5871548 previously cited	
		FR2578162	09-05-1986	Rambert		Abst

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No[1]	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T[6]
		Office Action dated 07/28/2009 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-516419	
		Office Action dated 08/14/2007 in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04736652.1	
		Office Action dated 08/07/2008 in corresponding European Patent Application No. 04736652.1	
		Office Action dated 03/27/2009 in corresponding Australian Application No. 2004244820	

EXAMINER	/Megan Wolf/	DATE CONSIDERED	11/04/2010

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. [1] Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) [See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. [3] Enter Office that issued the document by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 3). [4] For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document [5] Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible [6] Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2

US2000 11712070 1

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /M.W./